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STATE:
SUBJECT: Strategy for dealing with OPEC

1. We have been informed [redacted] that in view of Libyan demands presented to oil companies January 2 (Tripoli 008) and Libyan negotiations with Occidental due to start January 9, Iranian Consortium members are now attempting negotiations with OPEC which would apply to entire OPEC area. These negotiations would be in place of talks re Persian Gulf with OPEC delegation in Tehran scheduled to begin January 12. Meanwhile industry has offered help to Occidental in attempt to hold the line in Libya until OPEC area talks begin. Consortium reps meeting

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London 3PM Jan 7 to consider strategy further.

2. [redacted] Department believes strongly that B4 no word of such broad negotiations should be made known nor such negotiations begin until wexx have opportunity to consult with consuming countries on OPEC developments. In addition we noted Consortium has already informed Iranians it plans attend January 12 meeting (Tehran 5589) [redacted] B1

[redacted] promised pass on our views to other Consortium B4 members.

3. Embassy should also make clear our views this subject to Consortium xxxxx reps London.

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